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In re the Application of Dan Fate

Serial No. 10/628,835

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Examiner: Lu, Jiping

For: BURNER MANIFOLD APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)

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Sir:

This information disclosure statement supplements the information disclosure statement filed on December 3, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference. The undersigned wishes to bring to the attention of the examiner activities that occurred more than one year before the filing date of the subject application that involved prior attempts at manufacturing a gas manifold. Attached for the examiner's consideration are photographs showing an earlier attempt to seal the end of a manifold tube using a cup-shaped element. Photograph A shows a sectioned manifold tube end with the cup-shaped element installed. Photograph B shows the cup-shaped element prior to insertion into the end of the manifold tube.

Manifold tubes of the type shown in Photograph A were shipped to customers for evaluation more than one year prior to the filing date of the subject application. Ultimately, it was determined that this manifold tube sealing method was unsatisfactory. The manifold tube apparatus and method disclosed in the subject application was developed as a preferred alternative to the design shown in Photographs A and B.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 22, 2004

  
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